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Selectmen's Minutes 06- 02-2008

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Monday, 6/2/08

7:00 p.m.

Present: Ms. Rowe, Chair, Mr. Hurd, Vice Chair, Mrs. Mahon, and Ms. LaCourt.

Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Rice, and Mrs. Sullivan.

Absent: Mr. Greeley

FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
 - a. Minutes of Meetings: May 19, 2008
 - b. Reappointment: Assistant Treasurer & Assistant Collector of Taxes
 Alfred B. Fantini
 (term 7/1/08-6/30/09)

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (3-0)

2. Keyspan Energy Delivery Petition/ Grove Street
 Harold R. Cooper
 Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (3-0)

APPOINTMENTS

3. Appointment: Information Technology Advisory Committee
 Marcia Greenblatt
 Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (3-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

Mrs. Mahon arrived at this time.

7:15 PM Public Hearing

4. Naming of Roads. Symmes Project
 Kevin O'Brien, Director, Planning and Community Development
 Attorney Meredith K. West presented the Board of Survey request for naming the roads of the Symmes project. The names were decided upon in consultation with the Fire Department, Police Department, and Historic Commission.
 Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

5. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

This matter was presented for consideration of the Board.

Mr. Robert Radochia, 45 Columbia Road, returned to the Board with prior concerns expressed at the 6/4/07 meeting. They are:

- graffiti on US Postal boxes, fire alarm pull stations, stop signs, news boxes, bike path guardrails, playground storage containers, and trash barrels.

- missing light poles in Arlington Center that have been replaced with orange cones.

- faulty traffic lights with incorrect timing at Mystic Street, Pleasant St., and Mass. Ave. intersection crosswalks.

- this next concern is a new item: enforcement of no parking in the fire lanes at the high school and the Boys & Girls Club.

Mr. Hurd agreed to meet Mr. Radochia at the faulty traffic lights at Mystic Street with the incorrect timing. Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Sullivan for a report from Chief Ryan regarding the campaign against graffiti. Mr. Hurd asked that the report include past offenses including both numbers and outcomes of the vandalisms.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

6. Request: On Street Overnight Parking

Chris and Julie Johnson, 179 Newport Street

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon also requested that Mr. Johnson contact the office when the permit is no longer needed and that he is responsible for moving the vehicle during snow emergencies for plowing.

Correspondence Received

Joe Tully Park Circle Traffic Flow Be Rec'd
329 Gray Street

Jan Kerhulas Placement of Crosswalk at Harlow Street Be Rec'd
264 Massachusetts Ave.

Mr. Hurd moved to refer the above two correspondence to TAC for recommendations.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon recommended and the Selectmen agreed that they would like to receive TAC recommendations a week prior to a meeting in order to have a longer time period to study them.

Ms. LaCourt moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Mahon made a motion to close Fessenden Road, Sunday, June 8th, for a graduation party at the Gallagher residence at 29 Fessenden Road after the High school graduation ceremony.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon would like to invite the Legislators to a future meeting to discuss the legislative process.

Ms. LaCourt announced that the Summit V Meeting will be held June 26, 2008, 7-9 PM in the Town Hall auditorium. The Summit will discuss a mix of services, costs, sacrifices, and 5-year plan spreadsheet.

Ms. LaCourt wants to discuss as a future agenda item a way during the warrant process to separate articles that can be handled by

way of process and procedure changes.

Mr. Hurd moved that Ms. LaCourt be the official liaison for the Nagaokaky o Sister City.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. Hurd announced that the Feast of the East Festival will be held this Saturday, June 7th from 1-4 PM , rain date June 8th.

Ms. Rowe expressed an interest in meeting with the Disabilities Program more often especially regarding the Broadway Plaza and Massachusetts Avenue project.

Mr. Sullivan stated that once Summer Street is finished and control is turned over to the Town

the Massachusetts Highway Department does not require the pedestrian signal noise to be on 24 hours a day .

Ms. Rowe reported that Representative Brownsberger and Mr. Clark, a DCR representative, walked the Alewife River identifying the snags in the river and expressed enthusiasm in getting help for the river.

Ms. Rowe congratulated Police Officer Hogan and Police Dog Dasty for receiving the first place award in the US Police Canine Association narcotics certification and competition.

Mr. Hurd moved to adjourn at 7:55 PM.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Next meeting of BOS June 16, 2008

A True Record: Attest:

Mary Ann Sullivan